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New Titles

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Fiction

A court of splintered harmony: the Valkyrie cycle, movement I Sarah J. Maas
Chain reaction Lee Child
The family Cross, *Private Beijing*, *Private Rome* & *The girl in the lake* James Patterson
The hollow Michael Connelly
Miss Wolcott's ghost Louise Penny
Royal witch Philippa Gregory
Samantha: the next chapter Fiona Davis
The surrogate mother & *The witch* Freida McFadden
Partita Barbara Kingsolver
Have courage Craig Johnson
The taken ones J. A. Jance
Unfinished work: a novel of Abraham Lincoln Jeff Shaara
The dying light Ann Cleeves
Dead girls first Zia Rayyan
Exit party Emily St. John Mandel
Peck & Peck Bonnie Garmus
Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel Lucy Foley
Daggerbound T. Kingfisher
Bad company Sara Paretsky

Non-Fiction

What the ancestors say: one journalist's intimate investigation into Indian boarding Sierra Biidaaban Nadeau
Department of fate : the promise, the power, and the collapse of America's most consequential institution Rachel Maddow

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Friends Corner

Announcing Friends of the Library's annual Christmas luncheon. Meet at the Rapid City Tavern at noon on Thursday, December 17, shortly after the monthly Friends meeting here at the Helena Township Community Center.
Everyone pays for their own lunch,. However, the Friends treat all library staff that attend. They even provide to-go lunch for staff working at the library that day.
Please join us.

Happy Holidays from your Friends!



More New Titles

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Non-Fiction (continued)

Serling: a journey into the Twilight Zone with TV's first visionary Alan Sepinwall
Happy snacking, don't die! Foraging and vegan recipes with BlackForager Alexis Nikole Nelson
Eat 30 plants a week: a cookbook Katharina Seiser
Uniting the states: six crucial moments that forged an American miracle Brian Kilmeade
The new cookie: creative takes on the classics you love America's Test Kitchen

DVDs

Untamed: the complete first season
Avatar Aang: the last airbender
The rivals of Amziah King
The uprising
One night only

Music CDs

Legacy: the best of Tab Benoit
Old time American music Ben Traverse

Young Adult

Sisters in the wind Angeline Boulley
Feeling like an ADHD alien: a graphic novel Pina Varnel
The wild zone Rick Riordan

Juvenile

Fight or flight [Wimpy kid] Jeff Kinney
The big muskie & *Lure of the lake* Thomas Kingsley Troupe
I am Murphy and I am waiting Dan Yaccarino
Dragon dog Suzanne Lang
Colorful world: prehistoric Nastja Holtfreter
A sprinkle in time [Dog man] Dav Pilkey
The twilight child Struan Murray
The princess in black & the hungry bunny horde Shannon Hale

All the items listed are now in the library. To reserve, call 231/331-4318. Or go to **https://alden.booksys.net/opac/adl/index.html** and log in.

Michigan eLibrary

Have you used MeL Databases? It's a free Library of Michigan resource.

There are dozens of topics in MeL Databases, for adults (Hobbies & Crafts Source, My Heritage genealogy), kids (World Book Kids and PebbleGo), teens (EBSCO College Prep and Small Engine Repair Source) to name just a few.

Sometimes you don't even need a library card to access info: if you are physically located within Michigan, many MeL databases recognize your location automatically and let you use them right away
Try it! https://mel.org/az.php


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Events are free, sponsored by the library, and are held at the Helena Township Community Center *unless otherwise noted*.



Take n' Make Craft Kits: The craft during the month of December, is Sparkling Pipe Cleaner Christmas Ornaments. Each kit has 3 ornaments: wreath, angel & snowflake. Kits are available at the library. Pick yours up while supplies last.



Michigan Ski Area Memorabilia Display: December 1st-30th. Come to Alden District Library during the month of December to view Steve Kershner's collection of Michigan Ski Area Memorabilia. The display is free to view during library hours.



Books 'n Brie Book Club: Thursday, December 10th, 3:30pm. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.



Friends of Alden District Library Monthly Meeting & Christmas Luncheon: Thursday, December 17th. 9:30am social time & 10am meeting. Topics of discussion will be the budget for 2027 and plans for enrichment programs. 12pm meet for lunch at Rapid City Tavern., 9395 Valley Rd. Rapid City. Please RSVP by end of day on Dec. 15th by calling Alden District Library at 231-331-4318. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome.

Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG): Torch Area Artisans Guild (TAAG) meets every Tuesday from 10am-12pm. ***(EXCEPT December 8th)***. We have been creating art and contributing to our community for over 40 years. We are quilters, embroiderers, knitters, weavers, painters, potters, jewelers, and more; all artists welcome! Newcomers are invited to visit our meetings. Contact us by email at taartisansguild@gmail.com, or view our page at www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild.



Mah Jongg: Tuesdays 1-4pm. People of all skill levels, including beginners are invited to play.



Alden Knitters & Crocheters: Tuesdays, 2-4pm. People of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome! For more info, contact Sue Archer at 231-384-5634.